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SUBJECT: LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MUSCAT

1. LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER AL-HOSS SPENT 24 HOURS IN MUSCAT
JAN 13-14 AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH AN OMANI TEAM HEADED BY
SAYYID TARIK BIN TAIMUR, THE SULTAN'S PERSONAL ADVISOR AND EX-
PRIME MINISTER. NEWS RELEASES ON AL-HOSS'S DEPARTURE TALKED ABOUT
OMANI PROMISES TO PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE HELP TO REBUILD LEBANON.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI, WHO TOOK PART IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
VISITING PM, TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT AL-HOSE IMPRESSED OMANIS BY
HIS FORTHRIGHTNESS AND HIS PRACTICAL APPROACH TO PROBLEMS
LEBANESE ARE FACING. BUT ZAWAWI INDICATED THAT AS OMAN ITSELF
IS RELYING ON ASSISTANCE FROM ITS ARAB FRIENDS TO CARRY OUT NEEDED
PROJECTS, THERE IS LITTLE IF ANYTHING OMAN CAN DO TO ASSIST

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LEBANON FINANCIALLY.

3. LEBANESE PM DID NOT SEE SULTAN QABOOS, WHO HAS BEEN IN
SALALAH SINCE EARLY JANUARY. SAYYID TARIK INTERRUPTED HIS
NORMAL RESIDENCE IN HAMBURG TO FLY TO OMAN SPECIFICALLY TO
RECEIVE AL-HOSS, AND ON PM'S DEPARTURE PROMPTLY RETURNED TO
GERMANY.

4. COMMENT: WE IMAGINE GOL WAS WELL AWARE IT WOULD RECEIVE
LITTLE IF ANYTHING BY WAY OF FINANCIAL PLEDGE FROM OMAN. WHILE
WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF SOME TOKEN ASSISTANCE,
NEITHER WOULD WE PREDICT IT WILL OCCUR. OMAN AND LEBANON HAVE
NEVER BEEN PARTICULARLY CLOSE, AND OMANGOV PROBABLY SEES
NO NEED TO BUILD UP THEIR RELATIONSHIP JUST NOW. IT WOULD
PREFER TO GET MORE CHUMMY WITH ARAB STATES THAT FILL UP
BOGGING BOWLS RATHER THAN WITH FELLOW BOWL-HOLDERS.
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